the nominations for the stakes that closed on January 10 and the total number of entries for the eighteen events is 975 as compared with 89 last year. The Flight, September, Flatbush and Great Eastern stakes will have a supplementary closing on July 18.

The Suburban handicap has forty-six entries, exactly the same number as it had in 1897. These are: August Belmont's Don De Oro, 4; Merry Prince, 5; St. Barrholomew, 4. Loomley & Co's On Deck, 4; Semper Ego, 5; Ty-goon II., 4. Boy Carruthers' Howard Mann, 5. W. A. Chanler's Caldron, 4.

S. Curtis' imp. Royal stud, 5. larcus Daly's Ogden, 4; Isidor, 4; Scottish Chief-

iln, 5.

C. A. Dwyer's Michael III., 2; Sly Fox, 3.

M. F. Dwyer's Handball, 5.

Dwyer's Handball, 5.

Charlies Fleinchmann's Sons' Lehman, 7; George Sen, 5. G. Follansbee's Murillo, 3.

Poster Bros. Counter Tenor. 6; Dr. Sheppar J. G. Follansbe's Murillo, 3. T. M. Greene's Fleischmann, 4. R. C. Hall's Budd, 4. D. R. Harness' Imp., 4. J. R. Keene's Ben Brush, 5. William Laimbeer's Protess, 4. J. E. Madden's Great Bond, 2; Plaudit, 2. J. H. Morris' Byron McClelland, 2. J. J. McCafferty's Requital, 5. J. J. McCafferty's Requital, 5. J. A. McCormick's Perp o' Day, 5. Mrs. S. McClelland's Macco, 4. Once assible Str Walter, 8.

Oneck stables Sr Walter S. J. T. Patterson's Ornament, 4. 1. Patterson's Ornament, 4. Rogers & Rose's Tillo. 4. W. Schor' & Sons' Algel, 4; Macy, 4; Meadow thorpe, 4.

J. E. Seagram's Connoisseur, 6; Tragedian, 4.

W. Showalter's Box, 4.

Turney Bros. Dr. Catlett, 4.

The number of injutions received for the other stakes are: June handican, 36: Grass Inaugural, 28; Swift, 43; Spindrift, 40; Great Trial, 86; Double event, 79; Zephyr, 78; Spring, 78; June, 66; Vernal, 94; Daisy, 73; Pansy, 56; Flight, 17; September, 10; Autumn, 75; Flatbush, 30; Great Eastern, 44.

Brooklyn Jockey Club Entries. New York, Jan. 16 .- Following are the en tries for the Brooklyn Jockey Club's Brooklyn handicap of \$10,000, to be run at

the spring meeting, one mile and a quarthe spring meeting, one mile and a quarter:
Algol. 4: Ben Brush, 5: Ben Eder, 5;
Ben Holliday, 5: Box, 4; Buddha, Byron
McClelland, 5; Caldron, 4: Don de Oro, 4;
Sir Catlett, 4; Dr. Sheppard, 4; Great Bend,
3; Handball, 2; Howard Mann, 5; Isidor,
4: Lake Shore, aged; Lehman, aged; Loki,
5: Lou Bramble, 4; Macy, 4; Meadowthorpe,
4; Merry Prince, 5; Michael III., 4; Mohegan, 3: Ogden, 4; On Deck, 4; Ornament,
4; Our Johnny, 4; Plaudit, 3; Premier, 5;
Previous, 3; Royal Stag (imp.), 5; St. Bartholomew, 4; Schiller, 5; Semper Ego, 5;
Sensational, 3; Sly Fox, 3; Typhoon II.,
4; Tile, 4; Traverser, 3; Ulysses, 5; Winged
Foot, 5.

Foot. 5.
The other stakes closed with the following number of entries:
For 3-year-olds and upwards, 98.
Brecklyn handicap (guaranteed), 42.
Brecklyn handicap, 31,000 added, 57.
Harkway handicap, 31,000 added, 43.
Myrile riskes, 31,000 added, 43.
Patchogue stakes, 31,000 added, 53.
For 3-year-olds.
For 3-year-olds.

For 3-year-olds: For a year-olds: Breatway stakes, \$1,500 added, 45. Preskness stakes (guaranteed), 41. Fairon stakes, \$1,000 added, 43. May stakes, \$1,000 added, 51. For 2-year-olds: FOF 2-year-olds: Clover stakes (guaranteed), \$3. Manheet stakes (guaranteed), 75. Hanover stakes, 31,000 added, 75. Bedford stakes, 31,000 added, 57. Steeplechase and hurdle stakes:

MEN WITH THE MITTS.

Eastern Writers Believe There Will Be One Noteworthy Contest During the Year.

The interchange of challenges and wordy oss-counters between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, McCoy and Choynski, and Fitzsimmons and the Hoosier phenom, are rering meeting. Out of this rubbish of palaver, backbiting and chaff may be sifted at least one important ring encounter ed at least one important ring encounter within the next year. As to who will be the participants in the encounter, time and the stars alone can tell. Volleys of challenges are always leveled at the head of the victor, and this rule obtained even in the days of the London ring, when words were fewer and deeds more frequent.

Dempsey, in the flower of his notoriety, was chased around the country by Buffalo Costello, who, on failing to entice the Nonparel, into a match, sailed to Australia, and, in the land of the larrakin and kangaroo, wrote finis on the puglilistic tombstone of several antipodean biffers of note. Dempsey, after graduating from the light and welter classes, and emboldened by his middleweight triumphs, offered to give two score pounds away and meet such lusty heavyweights as John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain, the sheer weight of whose carcasses would have smothered the Nonparell. Charley Mitchell was another mark for Dempsey. Though Mitchell acted as though he were afraid to put up his props against the Nonparell, his reasons for ignoring Dempsey were, after all, a matter of dollars and cents. Mitchell was carning more money in one week as an exhibition boxer than he could have secured by signing articles to fight the Nonparell. Even the warmest admirers of Dempsey would acknowledge that Mitchell's motives in declining to meet the Nonparel were prompted by the mighty dollar rather than a lack of confidence or a lurking suspicion that Dempsey might win. within the next year. As to who will be

Harkening back to the London ring and we have Tom Sayers barking at the heels of Nat Langham. Nat met Sayers in a finish issue, and, by a series of well-planned left jabs, cut the countenance of the sturdy Tom into ribbons, just the same as Kid McCoy wafted Dan Creedon into oblivion with treacherous and foxy hooks. Tom was a three-to-one favorite in this Langham battle. The puglistic writers of the time believed that had Sayers adopted a different style of battle, by compelling Langham to work on the aggressive. Tom would have returned a victor. On the day following his defeat, Sayers, in the throes of a heavy jag, cork-screwed into Langham's saloon in London, jabbed his welking stick through a photo of Langham's on the wall, and offered to fight old Nat then and there. But Nat, realizing that such an encounter, without purse or stake, whuld be a mere "labor of love," declined Tom's invitation.

French sports have peculiar ideas of American boxing. A Paris paper published not long ago an illustrated story of a glove fight held at London, says the New York Sun. The pugilists were pictured as fighting with bare fists in a sort of wooden cocket saket, three feet high of wooden cockpit about three feet high, around the sides of which sat the spectators, including a dozen women fashionably dressed. The account of the falt was equally interesting. It read something the this

dressed. The account of the fight was equally interesting. It read something like this:

"As soon as the combat judge gave the signal by ringing a big gong the boxers, stripped to their waists and with uncovered heads, got into the pit, accompanied by their seconds who carried pails of water and lemons. As soon as the fight began it was noticed that after each man had landed a number of violent blows they took a rest of one minute. There were ten of such rests in the fight. The boxers were not evenly matched, as one was larger than the other. At the end of each rest, or round, as it is called, the small boxer had the advantage. In the cight round, the hig boxer, all battered and bloody, received a blow in the right eye that destroyed the sight. But he kept on with the other eye until he fell to the floor helpless. The small boxer was then hailed as victor. He had come from America for this purpose. It can be seen that the English are still brutal and savage. Fighters who have come to France have had unpleasant experiences with the police."

Tom O'Rourke thinks McCoy is overrat-ed by the public. "Why," says O'Rourke, "he was knocked out in a punch by Stef-

You cannot afford to take any chances with your stomach. When, therefore, the United States government guarantees by its own official stamp that every bottle of the celebrated "O. F. C." Whiskey is 100 per cent proof, you are positively certain that you are securing something which is certain to be of healthful benefit to you.

JOCKEY CLUB NOMINATIONS.

fers, who was one of the worst stiffs that ever stepped into the ring, and he was also beaten by a song and dance man named Kennedy. The first time he fought Dick O'Brien he ran around the ring for twenty-five rounds. The second time he beat O'Brien in seven rounds, while Walcott, the second time he fought O'Brien in seven rounds, while Walcott, the second time he fought O'Brien, won in a round.

When we hear him say that he will insist upon Choynski weighing 158 pounds we're inclined to believe that the 'Kid' is afraid of Joe. McCoy won't fight Choynski at 185 pounds, although the 'Kid' is big enough to go into the heavyweight class. He says he wants to be middleweight champion of the world. Did anybody ever hear Flizsimmons, who holds that title yet, ask Maher, Sharkey and Choynski to come down to 1858 were announced to-day. One hundred and ten different stables are represented in the nominations for the stakes that the nominations for the stakes that a weight he cannot meet Choynski, and as I said before, I don't believe he wants to meet him."

A dispatch from New York says: "Tom-

match for ten or twenty rounds.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says that one effect of the recent reinstatements by the turf congress will probably be the return of Joe Swigart to the turf, the most con-

of Joe Swigart to the turf, the most conspicuous figure affected by these resolutions. After the Madison track closed Mr. Swigart, being an outlaw and debarred from participation in racing upon regular tracks, retired to the Kentucky farm of his uncle, Dan Swigart. During the recent years he has assisted in managing the famous farm known far and wide as the Elmendorf Stud, recently purchased by J. B. Haggin, the California breeder. It was on this farm that Salvador and Firenzi were bred and raised. It was the home of Glenelg, the famous sire: Tremont, and Prince Charlie, the sire, and Salina, the dam of Salvador.

stole one base in 1897. Mat Kilroy, the once famous pitcher, wants to get back into the game, and his saloon in Philadelphia is for sale,

new plan to see some superior umpiring this year. But President Young will make a mistake if he cumbers his staff with ex-pitchers and ex-catchers. When either end of a battery gives out, the chances are five to one that a man's eyesight is weak-

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache and all the ills produced by dis-ordered liver.

SCHOOL OR HOME TRAINING?

Have Boys the Best Chance for De-

velopment Away From Home

Infinencet From the New York Tribune.

At what age a boy should go to boarding

school, and whether it is best to send him

away from home influence and the care-

ful supervision of those who would naturally be most interested in his welfare and progress, are questions which every parent

who has the best interests of a son at heart will be careful to consider. It is hard for

conscientious mothers or upright, worthy fathers to believe that their boys have the

best chance of development away from their

influence, but the homely old proverb, which tells us that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, shows us the right way

to come to the best conclusion in this re-spect. We must judge by results. It cer-tainly appears as if success in life were greatly a matter of early discipline; this, where there is a luxurious home life, is almost impossible of attainment, and where father and mother are strict disciplinarians their motives are misunderstood, and the

their motives are misunderstood, and the child becomes rebellious and often de

CASTORIA.

A dispatch from New York says: "Tommy Ryan is calling Kid Lavigne all kinds of names. He says Lavigne is a big bluff and never had any idea of getting into the ring with him. I sparred at Lavigne's benefit in New York a couple of years ago, said Ryan, 'and he tried to get some notoriety by trying to put me out. I saw how the thing was going and made a monkey of Lavigne. He doesn't want to meet me any more than you want to get into the ring with Corbett or Fitzsimmons. He is a lobster, never knew how to fight, and his thick head saved him a beating many and many a time. You can say for me that I am ready to meet him at any time or place, and if necessary I can get down to 145 pounds. Lavigne is looking for the welterweight championship, is he? Lavigne wants to stick to his class or I will mutilate his countenance."

Peter Felix, the Australian heavyweight, tells a story of the twenty-four foot ring. Once while traveling with a company of wrestlers and boxers through New South Wales, he says they reached a town whose champion fighter was a little bit more presumptive than the ordinary run of such mortals. If he had had only the opportunity he would have been champion of the world. He weighed 175 pounds, and Artie Tully, a 138-pound boxer, was elected to meet him. In the first round honors were casy. In the second, however, Tully made a rush, banged the champion on the jaw and floored him. When he arose he began a wild race around the ring, with Tully in pursuit. As the champion rushed past his own corner he shouted to his seconds. "Throw up the sponge!" "There ain't no sponge!" shrieked the seconds, as he dashed pust on the second lap. As he made the circuit for the third time, with Tully gaining, he hewled frantically: "Well, throw up the bucket; throw up a chair."

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 16.-Bobby Dobbs, Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 16.—Bobby Dobbs, the lightweight champion, met with a surprise last night when he tried to put Paddy Sheehan, of Bethlehem out in four rounds. In the third Dobbs was knocked down twice and the call of time just saved him. In the fourth he was badly punished and again the call of time just saved him. Sheehan got \$50 for entering the ring and \$100 for staying four rounds.

M'COY CHALLENGES FITZ. Kid Posts \$1,000 to Bind Match-De-

clares He Will Fight No One but Corbett or Fitz.

York, Jan. 16 .- "Kid" McCoy has New York, Jan. 16.—'Rid" McCoy has issued the following challenge:
"To Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Corbett: Gentlemen—You have declined to contest with me for the middleweight championship of the world. You have offered many reasons and excuses for your refusal, but your principal reason has been that you would not or could not get down to my weight. I am therefore compelled to waive the question of weight and go to your weight.

to waive the question of weight and go to your weight.
"I therefore hereby challenge either or both of you to a finish boxing contest for the heavyweight championship of the world, details and arrangements to be made hereafter.
"I fully realize the possible stand you

"I fully realize the possible stand you both may take in answer to this challenge. I know it will be your policy to evade it in every way, to cast aspersions and even attempt to ridicule my defi.

"I know you will tell me to fight other men and gain a reputation, etc. But your possible evasions are discounted not alone by me, but by the entire public, who fully realize the fact that I am the only living boxer who is entitled to the credit of being able to gain a victory over either or both of you.

"I know I can beat either of you or both of you. I am not going to fight any other

"I know I can beat either of you or both of you. I am not going to fight any other man but you, and no amount of evasion or excuse either of you can offer will deter me from my determination to pursue you until I achieve my object and win the heavyweight championship of the world. "I am not going to indulge in any black-guardism or Billingsgate. The public is disgusted with such methods and they are not and never were mine. not and never were mine.
"I give you credit for all that either of
you has accomplished, but I know I am
your master as a fighter, and my challenge
is sincere.

"As a further evidence of my sincerity, have deposited a check for \$1,000 in the ands of Samuel Austin, and I stand ready to post an additional \$1,000 upon either or constant of the control of the cont to post an additional \$1,000 upon either both of you signifying your acceptance.

BASEBALL GOSSIP.

Rapidity With Which Players Pass From This Stage of Action to the Realms of Obscurity .

Few realize how quickly ball players fade and pass out of public notice. One has but to look over the personnel of a baseball team to be convinced that the average baseball player's successful existence in

baseball player's successful existence in the highest class is fleeting.

Take the Cincinnati team as an illustration. Captain Ewing has been in charge of the Reds three seasons, yet not one of the outfielders who was with the team when he took the managerial reins will be there next season. Only one of the infielders that was with Buck the first year will be on hand for practice next spring.

Only one of the old pitchers and but one of the catchers that were wearing the white and red in 1885 will be with the team in 1888. It is almost an entire new team that will face the flag next year.

Bug Holliday, Biddy McPhee, Frank Dwyer and Harry Vaughn are the only ones who were playing with the team when Ewing started to manage the Reds who are slated for next season's team.

The profits of baseball clubs are annually paraded in print, but the losses incurred by some clubs are seldom referred to, says an Eastern exchange. Mr. F. A. Abell, the principal owner of the Brooklyn club, says that his fifteen years connection with that c ub has cost him \$100,000. Much of the large sum was at the time of the Brotherhood revolt and the subsequent consolidation of the two clubs. Still, he says, the club lost \$25,000 within the past two years. The Louisville club has had a series of poor seasons and it was only the public-spiritedness of its owners that kept it in the field. The Kentuckians did not find last year a Klondike, but the balance was on the right side of the ledger in 1897. Chris is not cutting coupons from bonds bought with the earnings of his club in the last race. The receipts at home and abroad of several other National Lesgue clubs were far below expectations. Not more than four clubs banked large profits on the season.

President Wagner, of the Washington club, says that Brush's blacklist resolution will be so modified that players who use foul language on the field will be suspended for a week or two weeks, as the case may be. He also declares: "Every club-owner in the league will agree to abide by the decision of the umpire, and there will be no grievances filed with President Young in the event of the suspension of a star player for the sulphurous use of his tongue. I believe this remedy will stop hoodlumism." Wagner, like the other magnates, dodges the agitation against kicking on decisions.

Cyclists Going South.

New York, Jan. 16.—There will be a great emigration of cyclists to the South to-mor-row. The cream of the foreign and Amer-ican racing talent will sail for Florida and ican racing talent will sail for Fiorida and there will be merry times on the new third-of-a-mile track at Bellair. August Lehr, the German champion, has been in Bellair for some time and in the party will be Gougoitz, Lamberjack and Taylore, the Frenchmen: Fulford and Wheelock, the Frenchmen: Fulford and Wheelock, the Englishmen, and all the available Ameri-

Pillsbury and Showalter Matched.

Pillsbury and Showalter Matched.

New York, Jan. 16.—The second match
for the United States chess championship
between Harry N. Pillsbury, of New
York, and Jackson W. Showalter, of
Georgetown, Ky., is practically arranged,
the only detail undecided being the locatior of the place where the games will ocplayed. The terms of the match are the
same as in the first contest at the Hamilton Club, Brooklyn, last February, the
stakes to be \$1,000 a side and the first winner of seven games to take the money and
title.

Australian-English Cricket Match. Adelaide, South Australit, Jan. 16.—In the third test cricket match between the Australians and the visiting English players (A. E. Stoddart's eleven), the Australians are all out, with a score of 573

General Sporting Notes. Joe Walcott and Jim Jenney are sched-

uled to box fifteen rounds before a Balti-more athletic club to-night. Jabez White, the English bantam, is pre-paring for a visit to America. Jim Wakely, of New York, says he is willing to back McCoy against Choynski to the extent of \$5,000. RAILROADS SHOW GREATLY IN-CREASED EARNINGS OVER 1896.

Joe Choynski has been appointed boxing instructor of the new American Athletic Association of Chicago.

Mysterious Billy Smith wants to box Dan Creedon, and is willing to make a Less Than One-Sixth of the Total Number of Roads Report Earnings Nearly \$40,000,000 in Excess of the Preceding Year.

match for ten or twenty rounds.

Eddie Santry, the Chicago boxer, and Tommy Dixon, of Rochester, have been matched to box twenty rounds at Toronto on February 24. Both men have agreed to meet at 124 pounds.

Jimmy Michael says it never will do to limit the size of pacing machines to quads. There is little reason to believe that Tom Eck's suggestion will be followed and the size of machines restricted.

John J. Quinn, Peter Maher's backer, states that if Tom Sharkey will agree to it, provided he defeats Jim Jeffries, with whom he is now matched, he, Maher, will meet the ex-sailor in the East in April.

Tommy White and Billy Whistler have signed articles to box twenty rounds at Toronto next month. When the pair met before the verdict was a draw. White is getting into shape for the mill at Coney Island.

"The worst thing that could happen to Corbett," and a men who does not ad-Increase 1897 over 1896, \$37,719,119. Such is the statement of gross earnings of 133 American railroads for the full year ending with the advent of 1898. Their aggregate gross earnings, as reported to the Financial Chronicle, were \$602,236,028. There are in the United States 1,008 railroads which maintain traffic accounts and which make reports of carnings to federal thing that the largest systems are the first to complete their statements and to forward them. The 133 roads which report this increase of nearly \$40,000,000, therefore, are the largest in the country. Some of the smaller roads may report decreases as com-"The worst thing that could happen to Corbett," says a man who does not admire the talking champions, "would be a right with Peter Maher. Peter thinks that if there is one man he can beat it is Corbett, and John Quinn, his manager, is a very nexistent man. pared with the previous year, but increases and not decreases were the rule for 1897. There is every reason to believe, therefore, that the figures given above will be made arger rather than smaller.

if there is one man he can beat it is Corbett, and John Quinn, his manager, is a very persistent man.

It is probable that New York will have the biggest building in the country devoted to athlettes. Plans are being discussed now for erecting at Elghty-seventh street and Amsterdam avenue a \$1,500,000 structure, in which arrangements will be made for every kind of sport. The bicycle track will be six laps to the mile.

Solly Smith, the California feather-weight, has not yet indicated his willingness to accept the offer of a \$2,500 purse for a bout with Pedlar Palmer before the Olympic Club, of Birmingham. Palmer's retirement was as short-lived as that of Jimmie Barry, for he now says that he will fight Billy Plimmer again, if Plimmer defeats Patsy Haley.

A New York newspaper has the following: "Blow me," observed Mr. Jack Walton, of London, who has the honor of training Arthur Chase, the English middle-distance champlon," "It costs a bit to live in this country. Six and eight pence for me bloomin' dinner. I could get two dinners at the 'Oborn restaurant in London for five bob and music chucked in! If you horder a bit o' fowl over 'ere they charge you for the bloomin' en 'ouse, and if you want a hegg, you ave to pay for all the bloomin' heggs the 'en ever laid."

The American Sporting Manual of 1838, issned by Daily 'Racing Form Publishing Company, of Chicago, is out. It is a keen and correct book of the past year's sporting record, of pocket size. All the fights of the past year, three handicap tables, with explanatory notes, the records of every race track, racing-speed tables, baseball, bicycling, billiards, athletics, harness racing, sculling, and general rules about sporting affairs are displayed within its pages

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says that one effect of the recent reinstatements by the in further reports made by the Standard Financial Reporter. Eighty-eight roads for the fourth week of December reported gross earnings of \$11,65,751, an increase of \$1,463,481, or 14.37 per cent. For the month of December 128 roads report earnings of \$52,299,577, an increase of \$5,751,109.

The change in the ledger accounts was made during the last half of 1897. During the first six months statements uniformly showed decreases. During the last half business began to boom, heavy crops sought the seaboard and country merchants began to restock. Such enormous business did the roads do that the last six months overbalanced the first six, and the year was closed with increases in earnings, that have not been duplicated for a decade. n further reports made by the Standard

FORTUNES IN TRAINS.

Fine Houses Cost Less Than the Passenger Conches in General

Use To-day. "Ninety-five per cent of the traveling public do not own in their own right, or occupy through rental, a dwelling house which, including all its contents, costs as much as one of the ordinary modern pas-senger cars run on any first-class railroad." The foregoing statement, which is calculated to arouse the incredulity of the average iodividual, was made recently by George J. Charlton, assistant general passenger and ticket agent of the Chicago & Alton railrond.

"Just let me give you a few facts to prove that asseriton" continued Mr. Charlton."

& Alton railroad.

"Just let me give you a few facts to prove that assertion," continued Mr. Chariton.

"The cost of the average passenger car to-day is from \$5,000 to \$7,000. A reclining chair car costs from \$10,000 to \$12,000. These figures represent the bare cost of the car. When you add to that from year to year the expenses of maintenance, instead of figuring, as the ordinary business mortal will figure, a return in interest for the capital invested, you simply aggravate the situation. I once heard a prominent master car builder say that it cost \$5,00 to simply look over a car after it had served five or six months on the road and had been sent to the car shops to be examined and put into presentable shape for another six months run. He meant that the, ordinary 'dressing down' and cleaning of a car would cost over \$500, and if you extend your investigation to general shop repairs—perhaps adding a little upholstering here and there—you could castly get away with another \$500.

RAILROADS TO BE MERGED.

Louisville has offered Pitcher Hill for Ritchey and Miller or Ritchey and Holli-day, two offers. The deal has been hanging fire for some time. New York Central and West Shore John Gaffney, formerly "King of Um-pires," thinks the double umpire system will be a frost. He says there is not enough work on the field for two men. Will Be Placed Under One Management.

work on the field for two men.

Colonel John I. Rogers is chanting a hard luck song. The Phillies gave \$1,000 in addition to Sam Gillen for the release of Shugart. Now they can't realize \$100 on the release of the player.

Arthur Irwin's Toronto team will close the season on September 10 this year, and will then set sail for England in company with the Montreal club. The teams are to stay there about a month, playing exhibition games and matches with local clubs whenever it is possible.

John Clarkson says: "My heart is still in the national game. I hope under the new plan to see some superior umpiring The recent advance in New York Cen tral stock, as well as in other Vanderbilt securities, has been explained in many ways, but all of them have been more or less a matter of guesswork. Certain things, however, have been accomplished things, however, have been accomplished which tend to show that there is substantial reason for the improvement in the price of New York Central at least.

There can be no doubt, whatever may be the future complexion of the management of the Central, that since the serious illness which made the relinquishing of all business by Cornelius Vanderbilt a ne-

illness which made the relinquishing of all business by Cornelius Vanderbilt a necessity, William K. Vanderbilt has been gradually assuming the responsibilities of his brother's position, until now he has become the actual dominating force of the organization.

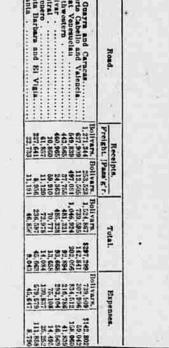
It is not asserted that there is any lack of harmony between Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Depew, but those who have watched events have learned to recognize the former as already the master mind, and they do not hesitate to predict that when the change comes, whether it be in the near future or far away, Mr. Vanderbilt will become the director of the destinies of the property in name as well as in fact. property in name as well as in fact.

five to one that a man's eyesight is weak-ching."

Uncle Nick Young is holding off a bit in making up the National League schedule to hear from the New York and Pittsburg clubs as to what they intend to do about playing the proposed Sunday games during next season. If their action be favorable his annual schedule job will be much easier. President Young considers next season's schedule the hardest he has yet been called upon to make.

A Charlestown (Ind.) dispatch says: Evangelist W. A. Sunday, who was converted while a member of the Chicago baseball team, has just closed a wonderful revival at Salem. That city has been known as a "bad town," but the stay of the evangelist brought to the altar olden time sinners whose conversion caused a sensation. As a result of his work the local dealers had to send for extra orders of Bibles, the saloons were closed and Salem is a dry town.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver. Earnings of Venezuela Railroads. The Venezuela Herald, Caracas, October 23, 1897, publishes the returns for the rail-reads of that country for the first half of the year 1897 as follows:



Train Robberies for Eight Years J. W. Shrague, of the Express Gazette, has issued an appeal to congress in behalf of a national law to suppress train robbing and train wrecking. The following record of the last eight years forms the basis of RECORD OF TRAIN ROBBERIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

their motives are misunderstood, and the child becomes rebellious and often deceifful.

In the matter of a money allowance alone a home life, where the circumstances are easy, is demoralizing. If a father is well-to-do and gives his son, on principle, a moderate amount of pocket money, he is considered mean by the boy, who cannot understand why he alone should be restricted in the midst of plenty, while, on the other hand, a liberal allowance exposes him to temptations without number. All this is arranged for at any good boarding school; rich and poor fare alike, and the healthy, simple living and hourly discipline are taken as a matter of course by the boys, who would never dream of expressing their individual preferences or expecting their individual preferences or expecting their individual preferences or expecting their right at home.

On the other hand, there is no better teacher than adversity, and where the home life must of necessity be a frugal and self-denying one the necessity for outside discipline is not so great; but even in such cases the competition and independence of a great school develop the character in a way that no home education or day school can rival. Of course the disposition of a child must be taken into consideration. Where there is any latent weakness of character apparent, any cowardice or deceit the temptations and opportunities of boarding school might foster such tendencies and develop the evils; but the great majority of unformed lads gain strength from the system and come forth, armed, as it were, for the battie of life. In regard to the proper age to send a boy to boarding school, that, too, is a matter of temperament and also of health, but, as a rule, 12 or12 is the best age; before that it is of no particular benefit, and later the boy loses just so much experience and advantage out of the years of his school life. 1887
Total number of trains "held up" in eight years...
Total number of people killed...
Total number of people lajured (shot)...
THE RECORD FOR 1887.
Number of railroad "hold-ups".
Number of robbers killed...
Number of robbers killed...
Number of passengers and trainmen killed...
Number of passengers and trainmen killed...

Peoria, Ili., Jan. 16.—The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is holding its annual session here to receive reports and audit accounts. The net increase in membership during 1897 was 3,000, and thirty-seven new lodges were instituted. The officers report a steady demand for brotherhood men by the railroads. Brootherhood of Trainmen Meeting.

Railroad Notes.

W. W. Ashald has resigned as trainmas-ter of the St. Louis & San Francisco at Springfield. Springfield.

For the sake of safety and speed, it is said the Pennsylvania will abando pisatch spring Creek tunnel on the middley of Januard build two miles of new at the office of the project of the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the creek twice.

A restaur it waiter in g such at is A restaur it waiter in g such at is intenticing Jei and act like a well person. Carrectly of the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the creek twice.

A restaur it waiter in g such at is the victim of thorillis get and act like a well person. Carrectly of the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the creek twice.

A restaur it waiter in g such at is the victim of thorillis get and act like a well person. Carrectly of the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the creek twice.

A restaur it waiter in g such at its is the victim of thorillis and act like a well person. Carrectly is some project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the person. Carrectly is some project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the person. Carrectly is some project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the project of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be allowed the project of an effective cure and of the project of an effective cure and of the project of an effective cure and of the project of the project of an effective cure and of the project of an effective cure and of the project of an effective cure

THEY REFLECT PROSPERITY. cut. A train happened to be passing and a car window was broken by the missile. Imports of dry goods and merchandise at the port of New York for the week ending Saturday were of value of \$5.51,219, as against \$9.57,335 for the preceding week, and \$10.841,001 for the corresponding period of 1895.

The Erie has its roll of honor completed and it shows that William White, a passenger brakeman, has been the longest in the service of the road, he entering the employ of the company in 1854. As a Smith has been with the road thirty-seven years. A gentleman traveling among the mountains above Johnstown, Pa., discovered a new kind of motor. Coal cars were being hauled out of a mine by goat power and were being pulled instead of butted. The men who have been figuring on the utilization of power wasted by bucking goats can hardly claim that their ideas have been stolen by the proprietor of the Johnstown mine.

oven stolen by the proprietor of the Jonnstown mine.

Owing to an enormous increase in California tourist business the Santa Fe will add another train to its bi-weekly service. The equipment is just out of the shops of the Pullman company and is standard in every respect. The "California Flyer," which reaches Los Angeles seventy-two hours after the train pulis out of this city, will hereafter leave Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. It will leave Los Angeles Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The general baggage agents of all the

Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The general baggage agents of all the Western roads are now corresponding with the different state boards of health, asking their co-operation in the inauguration of a new system by which the bodies of persons who die of scarlet fever, scarlet rash, membranous croup and other contagious diseases may be safely shipped on the cars from one point to another. It is now proposed by the roads to take no bodies unless on certificate certifying the permission of the local board of health under the jurisdiction of which death occurred. tendency toward increase is shown

HE WHISTLED "ANNIE LAURIE." A Surgical Subject Who Caused a Stampede of Students at

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
Dr. Edward Ricketts, of Cincinnati, is one of the largest men physically and men-tally in the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association. He is known as a dar-ing and skillful operator. He was invited

tally in the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association. He is known as a daring and skillful operator. He was invited by a fellow physician to be present at a peculiarly difficult demonstration. Dr. Ricketts was late in arriving, and was forced to take a position on the outer edge of the circle of doctors and students. Nothing had been said about the condition of the subject, and he supposed it was a cadaver. The figure was that of a giant Teuton, and to all appearances was perfectly rigid. Not a muscle stirred and no breathing was perceptible.

The location of the operation was exposed and the operator grasping his knife, advanced to the patient. As the cold steel touched the flesh, a startling thing happened. From beneath the flaxen mustache of the form on the table the familiar notes of "Annie Laurie" whistled clearly, distinctly. The effect on the company was electrical. The operating surgeon's knife fell with a ratile to the floor, the students rushed for the door, and the older physicians stood transfixed with amazement. Clear and sweet came the notes of the old song, even to the last bar. Then the tune was switched to "Die Wacht am Rhein." By the time this was completed the room was empty of students, but the veteran physicians remained at their posts. Suddenly the subject sat up. As he gazed over the row of white aproned figures a wild light sprang into his eyes. With a yell he leaped from the table and dealt the nearest physicians a stunning blow in the face; then he attacked the others. Chairs, tables, bookcases were overturned, glasses smaahed and furniture demolished.

The physicians got outside and waited the cooling of the German's passion. Gradually he became calmer, until at last he sank exhausted in a chair. The medical men advanced in a body and demanded an explanation. The patient could give none. For a time he was crazy. Dr. Ricketts was informed that the man had been under the influence of an anaesthetic and was asked to assist in the operation.

The patient insisted that the work go

PAID HIS CREDITORS IN FULL. Remarkable Incident of Commercial Integrity in Massachu-

setts. on Transcript.

A case of rather remarkable commercial honesty has just come to light. In 1875 one of Springfield's well known shoe dealers of Springfield's well known shoe dealers found himself so embarrassed by the depreciation in value of stock and the difficulty in collecting accounts that he failed and made a compromise with his creditors of 50 cents on the dollar. After twenty-two years the merchant, now considerably over 70 years old, has settled all these old claims in full, paying the balance unpaid at that time, amounting to several thousand dollars.

that time, amounting to several thousand dollars.

There was no claim on him other than that of his conscience. All his creditors had signed a paper acknowledging their satisfaction, and in fact, a large number of the original papers had been destroyed, so that the merchant had to settle in accordance with the figures he had in his possession, paying over the money in some cases to heirs or to surviving partners, who knew nothing or had nothing to show of the original transaction. The conscientious old shoe dealer is very anxious not to have his name appear—his act would lose its merit through advertising, he says. A good deal of the meny he has thus paid back has been pounded out on the shoemaker's bench.

TO CHANGE OCEAN CURRENTS. Russian Engineer Proposes to Divert

the Course of an Arctic Strenm. From the Scientific American.

At Vladivostok, a prominent Russian port and the terminus of the Siberian railway, and the terminus of the Siberian railway, for over four months of winter the port is blocked up with ice, rendering shipping traffic impossible. For many years the Russian authorities have been endeavoring to overcome these natural difficulties, and some time ago ice-breaking ships were introduced to break open the ice, an operation, however, which has proved practically useless. It is now reported that "a certain engineer" has proposed a plan for reclaiming the narrowest part of the Tartar strait between Saghalien and the Russian mainland. The theory of such an undertaking is that, if this is done, the cold current which enters the Japan sea from the Arctic, via Bering strait, will be checked, and the passage of the warmer tide, coming from the south through the Tshuma strait, will make the water on the coast of Japan as warm as Vladivostok, and the latter will be warm all year round. The expectation is entertained that this remarkable engineering work will be entered upon after the completion of the Siberian railroad.

The Middle Hour at Teas.

The Middle Hour at Teas.

No one likes to be the first at a tea or reception, especially when you are not well acquainted with the hostess and must keep up a prelonged conversation with her, because the other guests have not yet arrived. Some one has to be first, however, unless the visitors arrive in squads. Women often arrange to do this, especially if they are going to teacup entertainments. The route is laid out with due consideration for the varying hours of the different teas—4 4 to 6, 5 to 7, as the case may be. If only one hour is mentioned, usually the case for the small tea, the visitors are expected to come then, or, at latest, a quarter of an hour afterward. It is much easier for the hostess as well as the guests when all come together.

If the entertainment is to last two or three hours, from 4 to 6, or 5 to 7, and you have no other engagement to influence you in determining the time of your call, arrange to arrive at the middle hour—say, 5 o'clock, if the tea is from 4 to 7. At 6 the throng will be great, the college boys will be blocking the stairway and halls, and the younger set will be having a beautiful time. The middle hour is the general favorite, as it is late enough to see all one's friends, and not too late to interfere with punctuality at the home dinner afterward.

He—"Nearly all the misers reported in

He—"Nearly all the misers reported in the papers, I notice, are single men." She —"Oh, yes, of course, Married misers are too common to be worth mentioning."— Pick-Me-Up.

PETIT FRENCH ACADEMY.

amous Paris Garret of the Brothers de Goncourt-Their First

From Scribner's.
There are few persons interested in things literary who, being in Paris within the last ten or fifteen years, can have falled to hear of the Garret of M. de Goncourt. M. de Goncourt himself would, perhaps, have preferred people to say the Garret

M. de Goncourt himself would, perhaps, have preferred people to say the Garret of "the brothers Goncourt." although, as is well known, the institution was originated and flourished only after the death of the younger brother. The "Garret." specifically, was a charming room, half hall, half library, on the third floor of the little Louis XVI. hotel at Auteuil which M. Edmond de Goncourt occupied during the whole latter part of his life: generically, it was the meeting together of kindred spirits, of disciples and admirers and friends of the old maitre; the germ of the academy which it was Edmond de Goncourt's dream to establish in opposition to the Academy of the Forty Immortals; and the nursery, as it were, where talents were grown to ripeness for the honor of admission to that same especial academy.

The two De Goncourts published their first book in 1831, and although Sainte-Beuve at once appreciated the originality of their peculiar form of cleverness and opened the way for them by one of his illuminating criticisms—even as he had done a while before, of Gustave Flaubert, whom they resembled in so many ways—they were not thought of seriously at first, either by the public (which, of course, was not to be expected) or by the mass of their literary confreres. They happened to be long to a family which was noble, though of recent nobility, and to have some means, and this, added to their precocity, their horror of the banal and the commonplace, their contempt for people who sacrificed a tittle of their artistic conviction to money or the vulgar approval of the multitude, caused literary workers for whom fate had not prepared the way so agreeably, and who were obliged to take life more as they found it, to look upon them rather as elegant diletanti than as men of letters with a mission. This was a bitter disappointment to the brothers, who tolied at their work tables like galley slaves day after day, only going out for a walk at 11 o'clock at night, and whose intense earnestness about their art was, whatever oth

TRAVELS OF ONE LITTLE STORY It Started in Chicago and Took a Trip Around the World-Retributive Plagiarism.

From the Philadelphia Times.

A curious case of retributive plagiarism is related. Paul Carus wrote a little story called "Karma," which was published in Open Court. Count Leo Tolstoi found it, liked it and translated it into Russian. Everything Tolstoi writes is at once turned into French, and so was "Karma." A litterary letter of marque scouring the main in search of prizes for the English market hit upon this craft bearing the name of Tolstoi on her stern and towed her into port at the office of the International, a monthly magazine in Chicago, three doors from Open Court. There the story was retranslated into English and published. From one of these versions the story was translated into English and published. From one of these versions the story was translated into Japanese by a writer of a syndicate, which sold it to a newspaper.

About that time the syndicate made a collection of its copyright stories and offered them in bulk to Open Court, which bought the whole lot, and among them the story of "Karma." somewhat changed, but recognizable. Now a claimant says he wrote the story of "Karma." is claim is answered by a Covent Garden publishing firm, which says it was in substance included in a book of faked Italian stories. The curious feature of this story is that it is only a triffe and has not the literary merit to justify all this discussion. Besides, Paul Carus' story is, to all intents, original, and a comparison with those which claim to antedate it does not justify any charge of lack of original conception. But after it left his hands it has been stolen ruthlessly. the Philadelphia Times. A curious case of retributive plagiarism

CURLY HAIRED MEN AS JURORS. The Lawyers Dislike Them Because

They Are Not Easily Convinced.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat It is not generally known that there is a well defined prejudice against curly haired men when it comes to choosing a jury to try criminal cases. The prejudice, when it is manifested, comes from the defense. When asked to explain the objection to curly haired men, a prominent practitioner said: "When I was just starting my legal mentor inculcated that idea in me. He said that curly haired men had almost invariably been the pampered darlings of their parents and in their youth had been so used to having their own way that they had come to believe that everybody on earth was wrong except themselves. In this way the seeds of opposition were sown, and when they grow older they make a point to disagree with everybody and everything. If everybody else on the jury votes for acquittal they vote for conviction, as a matter of course. They live on combat and are as stubborn as the days are long. A curly haired man never gets on the jury when I am defending a man if I can see him in time." curly haired men, a prominent practitioner

Georgie Is Swindled. rom the Cleveland Leader.

Prom the Cleveland Leader.

Dear Uncle Fred: I joined a Sundayschool last week and learned eight verses
out of the bible by Hart. I was readen
nbout David. I wisht I Had a Been Him.
I woulden't a Went out to fight no Glunts
without Chargin gate receipts though.
Its all rite to git your name in the papers
and Have people asten for your Autografts, But when a person Can git two
Thurds of the gate receipts too He Better
Take Them. Woulden't that fite a drawed
a Big Crowd out in Arizony, though. Only
I spose it coulden't a Been held in a ring
very well, Becos David needed lots of
Room.

So last Sunday I went to Sunday-school and the Teacher give me a Big send off for the way I learned my lesson. She said she wisht every Boy in the class was

for the way I learned my lesson. She said she wisht every Boy in the class was as smart as me.

I gess she was Jolleyin. When we was all through I ast one of the other boys if they was Goin to Be a Christmas tree, and He says:

"Blaim if I no. This is the furst time I been here."

Then I ast another boy, and He Didn't no neither. He had just commenced, too. But they was a little Girl in the Class, and the told me they wasen't goin' to Be no Christmas tree this year.

So I watched till the teacher wasen't coin' nothin' and I ast her about it.

Say I wonder what they think Sunday-schools is made fur enny way? She said they wasen't goin' to have nothin' special goin' on Christmus, and I never felt so blame Cheap in my life. All them verses was jist waisted. So I told the other two Boys and we formed a union, and went out on a Strike.

The next time they git me into Sunday-

on a Strike.

The next time they git me into Sundayschool you Can Bet they got to Gimme
somethin' more than the merry face Before I begin learnin' verses.

But mebbe I can ring these in some other
place if I git a pointer in time.

GEORGIE.

Dr. Virchow on Serum Cures.

Dr. Virchow on Serum Cures.

Dr. Virchow of Berlin is still incredulous in regard to serum cures. Of course, a word from him carries weight. He is not opposed to experiment in this direction, but he thinks that little has yet been accomplished, particularly in connection with consumption. He warns against "excessive reliance on a protective inoculation against tuberculosis." He does not deny the possibility of ultimately discovering such a preventive, but now he contends that the situation is too dim to enable one to pass definite judgment. He states his case thus: "The hope of discovering a serum against tuberculosis rests on the assumption that one will be able to impart to the cells a restive power against the tubercle bacillus by properly conducted inoculations. It has, however, by no means been proved that the development of this bacillus is dependent upon the cells. This is merely an assumption on which all these serum therapeutics have been built. We know next to nothing regarding the conditions under which the bacillus sets foot on the body, or of the period during which it is able to exist in t. The voices that speak so confidently of the prospect of an effective cure and of a protective serum appear to me to be altogether too optimistic.

EVILS OF THE SOCIAL SYSTEM

"PASSING THE HAT" IS ONE OF THEM, IT SEEMS.

Extremely Lively Debate Among Socialists Over the Propriety of Taking Up a Collection-Trimming Their Hedges.

Reformers' hall at 1117 Walnut street was crowded yesterday afternoon with socialists and a number of politicians of other ilk. Fred Fleming and ex-Chief of Police Henry Julian were among the new pupils in the socialists' school, who inspired the old timers in the movement to feats of flowery eloquence. As is the case with all the socialist meetings, most of the time was consumed in threshing the same old straw for the benefit of the newcomers.

J. Richardson, one of the prominent socause of socialism had were its rankest foes. The trusts and monopolies, he declared, were doing more every day to hasten the coming of socialism than any other agency. He said that his sincerest hope was that J. Pierpont Morgan, the recognized leader of trusts, would meet with all

en the coming of socialism than any other agency. He said that his sincerest hope was that J. Pierpont Morgan, the recognized leader of trusts, would meet with all his hopes and organize even the trusts into trusts, until finally one head dictated everything. Then, he said, the monopolists would have everything prepared and in running order for the people to take charge of in their own interests and not in the interests of one man.

The burden of one socialist's wall was that the present national banking system was the root of all the evils growing out of land monopolies. The present banking system facilitated the organization of land trusts, he declared. He said that when the time comes he would consider it his patriotic duty to "shoulder a musket like his grandfather had done in the Revolutionary war and fight for the liberty of the great common people as against that of the money lenders and sharks."

"Over 50 per cent of the people are in favor of pure socialism," declared Attorney Kirker, "but they are afraid of the socialism that has received so much mirotic. Every man that has a fanatical holly rides it into a socialist meeting and that is what the people hear of as the doings of the socialists. But pure socialism is in the interests of all, excepting, of course, the few who are at present at the head of the monopolies where the people themselves should be."

He went into detail in explaining the great advantages of practical socialism as exemplified in the city of Glasgow, Socialand. But when he mentioned Glasgow he made an opening for the single taxers who were present. He declared that rents in Glasgow had increased 90 per cent simply because people from all parts of Scotland were moving into the city where heat, light, transportation and the like were cheap and no taxes to pay. This influx made the demand for houses exceed the supply and the natural consequence is that the landlords place a premium on their houses and they pooket the savings of the people in their municipal ownership of other means o

Cloudy Philosophy. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A young colored philoso, her was employed in one of our stores at a salary of \$2.50 a week. He told his employer one morning that he was going to leave, having got a better place." "A better place?" echoed his employer; "What wages are you to get?" "Three dollars a week." "But that is not so much as you get here."

here."
"No," said the boy: "but then it's better
to do less and not get so much than to do
more and not get enough."

"Nature never makes a mistake in giving the animals on the globe their appropriate location," remarked Uncle Allen Sparks. "If the Asiatic elephant, for instance, had been placed in the North frigid zone, think what it would cost the poor creature for earmuffs."—Chicago Tribune.

SKIN-TORTURED

of Curicuma (ointment), the great skin cure CUTICURA REMEDIES afford instant relief. and point to a speedy cure of torturing, dis-figuring, humiliating, itching, burning, bleed-ing, crusted, scaly skin and scalp humors, with loss of hair, when all else fails. Sold throughout the world. POTTER DEGG AND CREES.
CORP., Sole Props., Boston.
"How to Cure Skin-Tortured Sables," fee.

SKIN SCALP and Hair Beautified by CUTTCURA SOAP.

TWO LECTURES! EVENING, COATES, 8 P. M. JAN. 22. THE ARCTIC VIKING. Eminent Scientist and Explorer,

DR. FRIDTJOF

THRILLING EXPERIENCES Polar Regions!

Magnificent Illustrations. Advance sale begins at Burlington Ticket Office, Jan. 18. PRICES: Evening - - 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50

COATES Medinesday, TO-NIGHT, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.

Hopper -- El Capitan THIRD REGIMENT BAND OF 40
Assisting Hopper and Company of 30, in a
"Stars and Stripes" and Grand Marches.
Prices—de, 75c, 11.00, \$1.50.

THE GIRL -

I LEFT BEHITEH NEXT WEEK-MURRAY ! nurch EUROPEAN STE

Holland-Art Artist.

For RottendarVia Baus-There was only
Direct route to the K the Carter courtSwitzerland. Mcderache purpose of adcornation apply to sea, to take the testiis La Saile street. Chie former inspector
15 East Eighth arrest. Rr. Twings is sufin, and could not